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~~or any combination thereof~~, such identified nucleotides indicating the character of the nucleic acid sequence.

Claim 10, line 1, replace "claim ~~8~~<sup>9</sup>" with -- claim 1 --.

yes  
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Claim 27, (amended) A method for determining a Na<sub>v</sub>1.7 haplotype in a human subject comprising identifying one or more nucleotides encoding amino acid residues ~~62, 149, 641, 655, 739, 1123, or any combination thereof~~, wherein the nucleotide or nucleotides indicated the haplotype.

28. (amended) A method for determining a subject's predisposition to a neurologic disorder associated with a sodium channel mutation comprising comparing the subject's Na<sub>v</sub>1.7 haplotype with one or more reference haplotypes that correlate with the neurologic disorder, a similar haplotype in the subject's Na<sub>v</sub>1.7 haplotype as compared to the reference haplotype or haplotypes indicating a predisposition to the neurologic disorder, wherein the reference haplotype comprises nucleotides that encode mutations which corresponds to amino acid residue 641 of human Na<sub>v</sub>1.7 sodium channel alpha subunit.

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: